



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 3 3rd October 2025



Mental Health Awareness Day Friday 10th October 2025 Brighten up our day on World Mental Health Day Friday 10th October, add a splash of yellow to your uniform!



Wellbeing Activities to Celebrate World Mental Health Day 10th October 2025



<p>We will enjoy listening to happy music in class and participating in yoga sessions in the Studio.</p> 	<p>We will be sharing the lovely story <i>Star in the Jar</i> and talking about hope and aspirations.</p> 	<p>We will enjoy a 'Boogie to the beat Mash Up Play'!</p> 
<p>We will make new friends when we meet our buddy class in 'Buddy Time'. Reception will buddy up with Year 2, Nursery will buddy up with Year 1.</p> 	<p>We will continue to learn about how our brain works and how we can support our own mental health and wellbeing through 'myhappymind'.</p> 	<p>We will be celebrating World Mental Health Day, Friday 10th October by adding something yellow to our uniform. Children will vote for class stars of the week!</p> 



Reverend Jennie Hardy from St John's church Birkdale will be conducting our Harvest assemblies on Tuesday

7th October. Contributions to our Harvest collection for The Food Pantry at Liverpool Road Methodist Church can be brought to school from Monday 6th. If you are in need of help and support remember to ask or drop in to the Family Wellbeing Centre and we can arrange a visit to the Pantry or the Foodbank.



Do you know someone who can help us?

As you know, we have our beautiful new gardens at school but we could now really do with some help to maintain them.

We would LOVE a team of volunteers to come in and work with the children in school time to water, maintain and enhance our new areas. We would welcome parents, grandparents, friends or community members to come and make the most of this wonderful new part of our school.

We hope to have a couple of sessions a week where children can learn the skills to give the plants the best opportunity to thrive.

Interested?

Please email me on head.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk. This is a great opportunity to bring the community into school so please help if you can or pass to someone you know who might be able to help us!



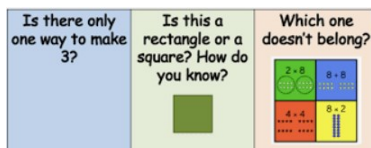
Individual Infant School Photograph Day Wednesday 15th October

If your child does not attend on Caterpillars/ Nursery on a Wednesday and would like an individual photo please arrive at the INFANT OFFICE at 8.30am. Class and sibling photos will be taken later in the school year.

FRIS School Improvement Priorities 2025/2026



Last year we were proud to achieve our Oracy Centre of Excellence, a recognition of the hard work we have invested in building a whole school culture which values and celebrates our children's voices. At FRIS we believe Oracy is a powerful tool for learning; by teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them. We want our children to have the oracy skills to thrive in the world they will be living in and be confident to agree but also disagree and challenge other people's views and opinions in a respectful way. Good oracy skills increase social mobility, confidence, self-esteem and empathy, develops cognitive ability and success in all areas of school. This year we will be continuing to work with FRJS, taking our speaking and listening skills into the playground, canteen and into our homes and embedding Oracy/ talk in our Maths lessons.



Over the summer holidays we have redesigned our Nursery and Year 2 classroom spaces as we continued to develop continuous provision throughout our school; fostering independence, motivation, and problem-solving skills through directed and self-directed learning and play.

Subject leaders continue to plan opportunities for outdoor learning across our curriculum.

Our bespoke curriculum is allowing our children to embed and apply concepts, enhance language development, and build essential attributes like confidence, resilience, and curiosity, developing our learners for the 21st Century.

This year we are working with our partner infant school in Sefton, Forefield Infants to create and review progressive continuous provision based planning across our Early Years and Key Stage One classrooms.



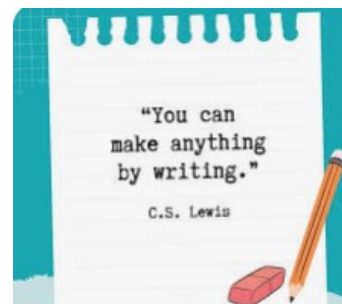
As a joint School Improvement Priority we are working with Farnborough Juniors to implement my Happy Mind developing a shared vision for mental health and wellbeing. Children will be learning about their Hippocampus, Amygdala and Pre-frontal cortex and what their roles are in helping our decision making process.

We are also working towards our Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Silver Award this year with developmental psychologist Jenny Nock.



In other subjects we are learning how to use AI to enhance personalised learning experiences, improve engagement increased access to resources and language development and reduced teacher workload.

We are also auditing our writing curriculum using the new writing framework. Learning to write is one of the hardest challenges pupils face at school but it is also vitally important: learning to speak, read and write well are crucial for children and young people's success in education, life and work. We will be continuing to work on a progression of skills in handwriting and spelling.





REMINDER- ACTIVATE NOW

Please ensure you have activated your Parent Pay account is activated. PTFA events will be going live next week from Friday 10th October. Don't miss out!!!

Oracy challenge!

Would you rather be as big as an elephant or as tiny as an ant?



I would rather be an elephant because I could get to places quicker.

Do you agree or disagree with Mrs Farmer? Have a discussion with somebody in your house using the talk tactics. Remember to speak in full sentences and explain your reasoning.



Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of inquiry



- “ I think _____
- “ Let's begin with _____
- “ I have a great idea, I'll go first _____

Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea



- “ X's idea made me think _____
- “ I'd like to know more about _____
- “ Yes, and _____

Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument



- “ I don't think _____
- “ You said _____ but what about _____?
- “ I disagree with _____

Clarify

Ask questions to make things clearer and check your understanding



- “ Do you mean that _____?
- “ I think you are saying _____
- “ So, what you're saying is _____

Our class weekly attendance is shared in Friday's 'Star of the Week' Assembly and the children are keen for their class to win the Attendance Bear each week.



Best Class Attendance this week is :

98% (Room 1) (EYFS)

98.5% (Room 15) (KS1)

Well Done to all of the children in these classes.

Whole school attendance for the year to date is 97.2%

FRIS PTFA PRESENTS

AUTUMN GLOW

Disco

DRINK, CRISPS & SWEETS

+ FREE GLOW STICK BRACELET*

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER
£3 ON PARENTPAY

Reception: 2:25 to 3:05pm - Children can wear own clothes to school

Year 1: 3:15 to 3:55pm - Children can bring own clothes to change into in a named bag

Year 2: 3:45 to 4:45pm - If attending after school club, children can bring own clothes in a named bag

Children in afterschool club will be taken to and from the disco

Payable on ParentPay until Friday 24th October.



Working in Partnership with Parents

Thank you to all our parents in Year 1 and Year 2 parents who attended our Stay and Learn sessions. Your attendance is invaluable to our children, to us as teachers and you as parents to understand how we teach and how your child is learning.

Our first Parents Evening will also take place next week for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents, a chance to find out how your child has settled in and the expectations for the year ahead.

Thank you for all your support and feedback. Remember class teachers are always available to talk to you about your child's progress throughout the year.

Our Google Meets parents meeting was due to an overwhelming response to our parent/carer survey "What a great system, I did not need to organise a whole evening of childcare for a 5 minute appointment".

"It was great that myself and my wife could join the meeting as I work shifts. I could just log in at work and take a 5 minute break"

"Thank you for offering google meets, the appointments ran to time and did not impact on my family time and evening routine"

The spring term parents/carers 10 minute appointments will be face to face' meetings. This allows parents/carers to view books/displays/learning journeys and have a detailed update on their child's progress.

We also look forward to seeing our Reception parents in school on the week beginning 13th October for Stay and Learn sessions.

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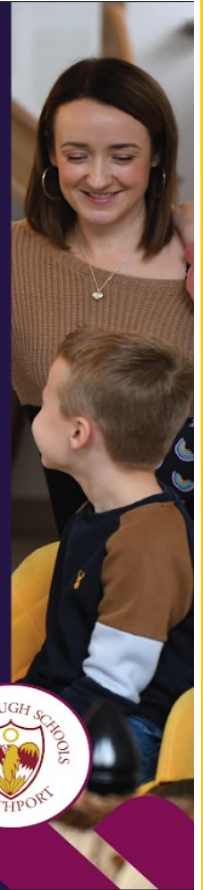
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values

We are learning all about our School Values

Respect—Respect for each other, our adults and our school environment

Honesty— The importance of telling the truth

Perseverance—We never give up!

Compassion—We have empathy for others

Love and Kindness—We love our Farnborough Family.



Danielle Southern is our community Staff Nurse with the School Health team.

Her contact email address is danielle.southern@nhs.net. If you would like any support from Danielle and you would like us to make a referral please don't hesitate to let us know.

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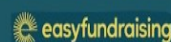
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